

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An image display device comprising:

a first substrate including an image display surface and a metal back formed on the image display surface;

a second substrate opposed to the first substrate across a gap and including a plurality of electron sources which excite the image display surface;

a grid provided between the first and second substrates and including a first surface opposed to the first substrate, a second surface opposed to the second substrate, and a plurality of beam passage apertures opposed to the electron sources, individually;

a plurality of spacers which maintain the space between the first substrate and the second substrate, the spacers including a plurality of columnar first spacers set up on the first surface of the grid, and a plurality of columnar second spacers set up on the second surface of the grid and abutting against the second substrate, the first spacers being shorter than the second spacers in height;

height correcting layers interposed between the respective first spacers and the first substrate and abutting against the respective first spacers and the first substrate; and

a voltage supply unit which applies a first voltage to the first substrate and applies a second voltage higher than the first voltage to the grid.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An image display device according to claim 10, wherein

each of the first spacers is set up on the first surface of the grid between the beam passage apertures, and

each of the second spacers is set up on the second surface of the grid between the beam passage apertures and aligned with the ~~first-spacer~~ spacers.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An image display device according to claim ~~12~~ 10, wherein the height correcting layer has a resistance lower than that of the spacers.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): An image display device according to claim 10, wherein the second spacers have a surface resistance lower than a surface resistance of the first spacers.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): An image display device according to claim 10, wherein the surface of the grid and an inner surface of each beam passage aperture are subjected to high-resistance surface treatment and have a resistance set to  $E + 8 \Omega/\square$ .

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): An image display device according to claim 10, wherein the second voltage applied to the grid is set less than or equal to 1.5 times as high as the first voltage applied to the first substrate.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): An image display device comprising:  
a first substrate including an image display surface and a metal back formed on the image display surface;

a second substrate opposed to the first substrate across a gap and including a plurality of electron sources which excite the image display surface;

a grid provided between the first and second substrates and including a first surface opposed to the first substrate, a second surface opposed to the second substrate, and a plurality of beam passage apertures opposed to the electron sources, individually;

a plurality of spacers which maintain the space between the first substrate and the second substrate, the spacers including a plurality of columnar first spacers set up on the first surface of the grid and abutting against the first substrate, and a plurality of columnar second spacers set up on the second surface of the grid and abutting against the second substrate, the second spacers having a surface resistance lower than a surface resistance of the first spacers; and

a voltage supply unit which applies a first voltage to the first substrate and applies a second voltage higher than the first voltage to the grid.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): An image display device according to claim 17, wherein

each of the first spacers is set up on the first surface of the grid between the beam passage apertures, and

each of the second spacers is set up on the second surface of the grid between the beam passage apertures and aligned with the first spacer.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): An image display device according to claim 17, wherein the first spacers are shorter than the second spacers in height.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): An image display device according to claim 17, wherein the surface of the grid and the inner surface of each beam passage aperture are subjected to high-resistance surface treatment and have a resistance set to  $E + 8 \Omega/\square$ .